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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 24, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2006

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, sustainer of our lives, give us courage to not run from difficulties. Help us to see that problems and challenges come with a life of service. In spite of burdens, show us the joys to come that will make the sacrifices worthwhile.

Infuse our Senators with the power of self-denying love. Empower them to help build not only a safer but also a more just world.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 21, 2006.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. ISAKSON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 403, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 403) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in a few minutes, we will begin consideration of S. 403, the Child Custody Protection Act. Over the last 2 days, we have been working on an agreement which would

allow us to conclude that bill on Tuesday. I hope we will be able to work out the final details of that agreement early today, and at that point in time I will announce the schedule for the child custody protection bill for next week.

We had a remarkable day yesterday, finishing last night the debate and vote on the voting rights reauthorization bill, four judges, the child predator legislation, and therefore I announced no rollcall votes for today. I will be updating Members as to Monday and Tuesday's schedules shortly, after we work out a unanimous-consent agreement on several matters for early next week.

SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in walking over here just a few moments ago, I ran into my counterpart from the Australian Senate, and we were commenting—or he was commenting—he said: You had a productive day yesterday. And I said: Indeed, we had a very productive day, not only yesterday but over the course of this week.

On Monday and Tuesday, we had a very important debate, a powerful debate on stem cell research, a debate which is uncomfortable to a lot of people because it addresses so strongly that nexus between ethics and morality and religion and faith with science, advancing science, which is moving at breathtaking speed, thank goodness. As a scientist, I see great hope in those dreams which one day can become realities for cures and for treatments that come from the field of science. The issues are tough, though, but very important for us to have in this body, representing the 280 million people

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